

U.S. APPLICATION 09/508,570**Clean Version of Amended Claims**

21. (Twice Amended) A method for preparing a stabilized multi-component vaccine, the method comprising mixing at least:

- a) pertussis toxoid and filamentous hemagglutinin in purified form,
- b) tetanus toxoid,
- c) diphtheria toxoid,
- d) inactivated polio virus,
- e) a conjugate of a carrier molecule selected from tetanus toxoid and diphtheria toxoid and a capsular polysaccharide of *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, and
- f) an aluminum salt,

wherein tetanus toxoid and diphtheria toxoid are adsorbed onto the aluminum salt before being mixed with the other components and the conjugate is prepared in a phosphate buffer solution before being mixed with the other components.

36. (Twice Amended) A method for conferring protection in a host against disease caused by *Bordetella pertussis*, *Clostridium tetanii*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Poliovirus* and/or *Hepatitis B virus* comprising administering an effective amount of a multi-component vaccine obtained by the method of claim 27.

37. (Twice Amended) A method of immunizing a human host against disease caused by infection by *Bordetella pertussis*, *Clostridium tetanii*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Poliovirus*, and/or *Hepatitis B virus*, which method comprises administering to the host an effective amount of a multi-component vaccine obtained by the method of claim 27.